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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the patents, publications and/or other information listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 (modified). Copies of the foreign applications are enclosed.

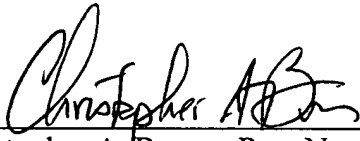
These references were cited in a search report issued on an international application related to the present application. A copy of the search report is provided herewith as the "concise explanation" of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) regarding the non-English references. In addition, it is noted from that search report that French-language reference FR 2 753 368 A is related to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,129,763 and 6,371,989 and U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/040243, each of which has already been cited to the PTO in this case, as well as to an additional U.S. Application Publication cited in this IDS.

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